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RIVERS FLOODED VILLAGES, FARMLANDS AND LIVE STOCKS ...
FLOOD BROUGHT IN ENDLESS GRIEVES ...
WATER WAS LEAKING FROM WALLS ...
GRADUALLY IT BECAME RIVERS ...
IT BECAME GIGANTIC DRAGONS WITH FIERCE CLAWS
DRAGONS SWEPT OUT PEACEFUL LIVES AND ONLY LEFT FEARS ...

IN THE END, THE ULTIMATE DRAGON WOULD SHOW ITS ENORMOUS STRENGTH AND WOULD GULF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!
A NEW UNIVERSE WOULD BE REBORN !

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CHAPTER ONE
A BROKEN PROPHECY

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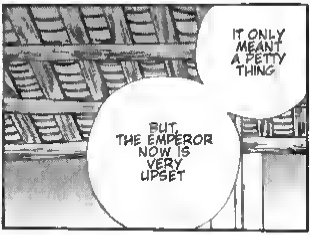
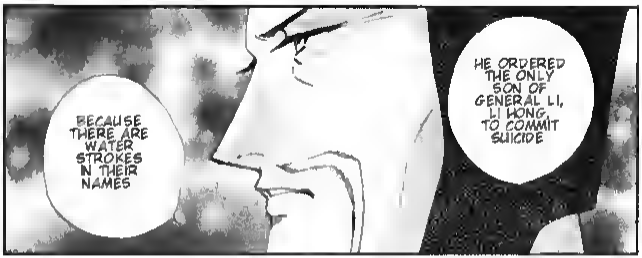
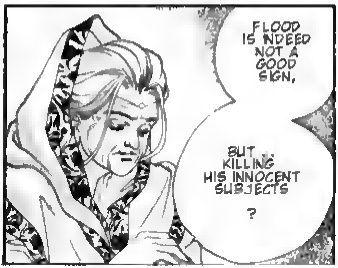

IT ONLY MEANT A PETTY THING
BUT THE EMPEROR NOW IS VERY UPSET

YES
THIS KIND OF DREAMS HAS DISTURED HIS MAJESTY FOR SEVERAL DAYS

HE HAS POURED HIS ANGUISHES TO THE OLD GENERAL LI HUN


HE ORDERED THE ONLY SON OF GENERAL LI, LI HONG TO COMMIT SUICIDE
BECAUSE THERE ARE WATER STROKES IN THEIR NAMES


FLOOD IS INDEED NOT A GOOD SIGN,
BUT KILLING HIS INNOCENT SUBJECTS ?

MADAM MIAO, THE PURPOSE I INVITE YOU HERE TODAY IS .

HE, HE, YOU ARE INDEED A RENOWNED PRIESTESS
WE SHARE THE SAME OPINIONS

THE SUI DYNASTY WILL NOT LAST ANY LONGER

TO SATISFY MY CURIOSITY. MAY I ASK YOU
TO FORESEE MY FUTURE ?
RONG, PLEASE PASS ME THE BAG OF FIRESTONE POWDERS.
YES, MASTER !

I'LL SCATTER SOME FIRESTONE POWDERS
TO SUMMON UP THE FIRE GOD
PI PA !
GO !
THE FIRE GOD WILL ANSWER WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW

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THY AMBITIOUS CAUSE RESTLESS. TO SUCCEED THOU MUST FIND UNIQUE TALENTS
THY PRESTIGE IS FAR SHORT FROM THREE GREAT KINGS, A WHITE DRAGON IS SURROUNDING THEE
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WHAT IS "A WHITE DRAGON IS SURROUNDING ..."
TO UNDERSTAND A PROPHECY IS AS TO FEEL THE TASTE OF WATER. YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU HAVE TO PERSONALLY COMPREHEND IT.
ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT
YOUR FUTURE IS IN THESE FOUR SENTENCES.

THERE WERE EIGHT SENTENCES IN THE FIRE BOWL
WHEN THE MASTER CALLED THE FIRE GOD
WHY DID THE MASTER ONLY READ OUT FOUR SENTENCES?
RONG, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE MONEY!
YES, MASTER.
PAY TO MADAM MIAO!!

THE GUESTS ARE LEAVING !!
YOUR EXCELLENCE, I HAVE FINISHED WHAT YOU ASKED MY APPRENTICE AND I
MUST ATTEND TO SOME OTHER URGENT BUSINESSES WE'LL EXCUSE OURSELVES FOR NOW
THAT IS ALRIGHT
I SHOULD NOT KEEP YOU FOR TOO LONG.
FROM ANCIENT TIME, A "DRAGON" IS A SYMBOL OF KINGS AND EMPERORS,
[A WHITE DRAGON IS SURROUNDING THEE]
IT MEANS I AM DESTINED TO BE THE NEXT RULER!

WHERE CAN I FIND UNIQUE TALENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO SEIZE THE POWER FOR ME?
[TO SUCCEED THOU MUST FIND UNIQUE TALENTS]
BUT STILL SATIRED ME
THE OLD WITCH! SHE SAW MY DESTINY
MY PRESTIGE IS FAR SHORT FROM YAO, SUN, AND YU, THE "THREE GREAT KINGS"?

YOU TWO ...
DO WHAT I HAVE ORDERED YOU!
YES SIR !

MASTER,
THERE WERE EIGHT SENTENCES IN THE FIRE BOWL,
I WONDER WHY MASTER ONLY READ FOUR SENTENCES TO THE PRIME MINISTER?
SO, RONG, YOU ALSO UNDERSTOOD ?
THAT IS RIGHT! THERE WERE EIGHT SENTENCES!
THEN, I LIKE TO TEST YOU
THE CONTENTS OF THE REST

I LACK OF TALENTS THOUGH I'VE FOLLOWED YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS,
WELL, MASTER . .
I STILL COULDN'T RECOGNIZE THE WRITINGS OF THE FIRE GOD.
I ONLY RELUCTANTLY SAW TWO WORDS.
"KING QIN"
WHO IS HE?
SHU !
HA, HA, RONG.
DON'T WORRY !
SOMEDAY, YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

HI, OLD WITCH AND YOUNG GIRL, WHERE ARE YOU TWO ESCAPING!?
WE, BROTHERS, ARE SO-CALLED "TWO DEMONS OF DEVIL'S AXES"!
WHO WHO ARE YOU!?

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THE PRIME MINISTER YUWEN ORDERED US
TO SEND YOU TWO TO THE HELL!
MASTER!
AH!

COME ON, GIRL!
IT'S YOUR TURN !!
WHY!? WHY DO YOU HAVE TO KILL US !?
'CAUSE YOU KNOW TOO MUCH !!
HAH !!
SMART GIRL!
THE SITUATION IS REALLY BAD !

I MUST FIND SOMETHING TO DISTRACT THEM !
YOU ESCAPED FROM THE FIRST ONE,
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THE NEXT. YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR LUCKS !
RIGHT! FIRESTONE POWDERS !!

ZOOM
!

HI, YOU TWO BIG MAN!
YOU WANT TO BULL A WEAK GIRL IN WILD FIELDS?
AS QIN SHUBAO'S SPEAR FIRST
QIN
QIN SHUBAO ?

YOUNG MAN,
WARN YOU! IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
OTHERWISE, WE'LL KILL YOU, TOO!!
DON'T KNEE TO US AND CRY WHEN IT HAPPENS!
GEEZ!
YOU GUYS ARE SO WORDY!
WHAT!? HOW DARE YOU
BELITTLE US BROTHERS!?
WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WE CAN OFFER!!!

SH!
WHAT? WHERE'S THE SPEAR?
WOAH!
I'VE EVER SEEN ANYBODY CAN PLAY A SPEAR SO FAST
IT'S SO FAST LIKE LIGHTENING !

THE LIGHTENING BREAKS THE DARKNESS!
RONG,
UM
I DID NOT READ ALL SENTENCES OF THE PROPHECY TO THE PRIME MINISTER MOMENTS AGO.
I THOUGHT IT WAS OK AS LONG AS I COULD PLEASE HIM WITH ONLY GOOD NEWS
RONG, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR,
I TRIED TO FORESEE YOUR LUCK OF THE YEAR
BECAUSE OF THE ODD CONTENTS, I PLANNED TO TELL YOU WHEN THERE WOULD BE A PROPER CHANCE.
BUT, BY DOING SO, IT STILL CANNOT SAVE MY LIFE.
MASTER

IT IS THE TIME TO TELL YOU ..
NOW, I AM LEAVING YOU,
WHEN GOING SOUTH THOU ENCOUNTER A SPEAR.
THOU SHALL FIND A REAL DRAGON IN A "WAGANG" GAME
YES, I WILL
MASTER
YOU MUST FIRMLY MEMORIZE
EACH WORD OF THE PROPHECY
MASTER,
WHAT IS AFTER "A WHITE DRAGON IS SURROUNDING "?
?
A WHITE DRAGON
IS SURROUNDING ...

MASTER ?
MASTER !

RIGHT DEVIL'S AXE !
THIS GUY IS TOO STRONG
I'D BETTER ESCAPE NOW !

CHAPTER TWO
A SECRET IN DEEP WOODS
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THANK YOU, MR QIN FOR SAVING MY LIFE
I'LL FOREVER REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

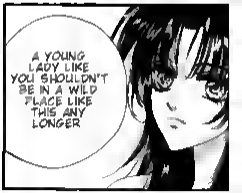
MISS ZHANGSUN
...
MY NAME IS ZHANGSUN WURONG
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THAT CAUSED SUCH TROUBLES?

WHAT IS YOUR NAME, MISS?

CAN I TRUST HIM ?
BEFORE HER DEATH THE MASTER TOLD ME
GOING SOUTH, ENCOUNTER A SPEAR
COULD IT BE
TO BE HONEST, MR. QIN,
THIS EVENING, WE WENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER YUWEN'S MANSION FOR A PROPHECY HE HAD REQUESTED.
THE PRIME MINISTER YUWEN HAD ANOTHER AGENDA
THE CONTENTS OF THE PROPHECY SHOWED HIS THIRSTY FOR THE POWER.

HE WAS AFRAID OF THAT WE WOULD BLOW THE WHISTLE ON IT.
SO HE SENT THE ASSASSINS TO KILL MY MASTER
THESE BASTARD BUREAUCRATS

IN RECENT YEARS, THERE WERE SO MANY DISASTERS BESIDES THIS ROTTEN DYNASTY PEOPLE HARDLY MAKE LIVING THESE DAYS.
THESE SO-CALLED OFFICIALS IGNORE PEOPLE'S PAINS INSTEAD, THEY OPPRESS COMMONERS
AND TRY TO GAIN MORE POWERS.
HOW CAN WE PEACEFULLY LIVE IF THE SITUATION CONTINUES LIKE THIS?



ZI - IS A PERSON'S ALTERNATIVE NAME IN CHINESE CULTURE

I DON'T HAVE A HOME ANYMORE
MY MASTER WAS MY ONLY KIN.
BUT, SHE WAS KILLED BY THE TWO DEMONS
THOSE BAD GUYS WON'T SPARE ME EITHER
I WONDER IF BROTHER SHUBAO HAS A CORNER TO KEEP ME?

WE A BAND OF BROTHERS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED A CORRUPTED OFFICAL. WE ARE NOW A BUNCH OF OUTLAWS
WE LIVE IN A CAMP CALLED "WAGANG".
BUT IT MAY NOT BE FOR A GIRL
WELL, THERE'S A PLACE
I WAS GOING BACK TO THE CAMP
RIGHT!
WAGANG ...?
I THINK MY FRIENDS WILL WARMLY WELCOME YOU!
YOU CAN GO WITH ME TO THE CAMP.

I MUST GO TO WAGANG TO FIND OUT MY OWN DESTINY !
IT MUST BE THE FATE
THEN, LET US GO!
BROTHER SHIBAO AS LONG AS THERE IS A LIVING CORNER FOR ME
I'LL BE GRATEFUL
I DON'T CARE WHETHER IT'S FOR A GIRL OR NOT

THE MASTER'S LAST PROPHECY
ENDED IN "A WHITE DRAGON —"
IT WAS THE SAME AS YUWEN HUAJI'S PROPHECY
JA
IS IT REALLY A COIN-CIDENCE ?

I MUST
SOLVE
THE PUZZLE
BY MYSELF
!

TZA
!
SECOND YOUNG MASTER, THERE IS A HAWK!

LET IT GO!
HAWKS BELONG TO THE SKY. WE SHOULDN'T SHOUT THEM DOWN.
IF THE RULERS OF THE SKY FALL DOWN TO THE GROUND, THEY'LL LOSE THEIR FIGHTING SPIRITS.

THERE'S NO REASON TO BE TOO SERIOUS ABOUT IT
HUNTING IS LIKE GOING PICNIC
NO WONDER YOU ALWAYS GOT NOTHING FROM EVERY HUNTING GAME
YOUR IDEAS ARE LIKE A WOMAN'S.
IT'S JUST AS DESIRABLE TO ADMIRE FLOWING WATER AND BLOOMING FLOWERS.
I'M ALWAYS DISAPPOINTED WHEN I GO OUT WITH SHIMIN.
BIG BROTHER, NEVER MIND THAT WEIRDO!
HE'S ONLY A BOOK WORM!

OK! I WILL SHOW YOU MY SUPERB ARCHERY SKILLS.
THERE, I SAW A RABBIT! IT JUST PASSED BY!
SHOULD WE CHASE IT?
HA HA HA
LET THAT IDIOT SHIMIN GO BACK WITH NOTHING!
HI YOU HAVE FOLLOWED US FOR A WHILE IS IT TIME TO SHOW UP NOW?
OBVIOUSLY THEY LOOK DOWN ON YOU, SECOND YOUNG MASTER
THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THE THIRD YOUNG MASTERS WAS REALLY NASTY

Shu!
IS ANYBODY FOLLOWING US?
PA!
A TURKIC COCKIE?
HE HE
ASSASSINS!

MISS, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
A COOKIE MADE OUTSIDE OF THE GREAT WALL.
IT'S FULL OF MUTTONS AND BLANK FEETHERS. IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR STOMACH.
WELL NO WONDER I FELL SO HUNGRY
DON'T EAT, SECOND YOUNG MASTER! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT!
ARE YOU W SHIMIN ?
YEAP..
BITCH
DID YOU PUT POISON IN THE COOKIE ?
GEEZ.. HOW COME THE GREAT W FAMILY RAISE SUCH STUPID PEOPLE ?

I DO NOT TALK TO HIM!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
STUPID? WHO'S STUPID?
IF YOU'RE BRAVE ENOUGH, COME TO THE WOODS
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU
SECOND YOUNG MASTER, SHE IS TRYING TO LURE YOU..
DON'T SO EASILY TRUST HER!
WHAT THE HECK!
ARROGANT! I DON'T LIKE HER!

CALM DOWN!
I'LL BE BACK IN A SECOND!

*A CHINESE HONORIFIC TO SINGLE YOUNG MALES
I CAME ONLY FOR A DATE I DON'T HAVE TO BE BRAVE
LI-"GONGZI, YOU ARE BRAVE.
YOU DARE TO COME ALONE.
HM, MAYBE I SHOULD'VE SET UP A TRAP
HA, HA, IF I HAVE TO BE TRAPPED BY SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...
I'LL BE THRILLED!

*A TURKIC TRIBE
YOU CAME LONG WAY FROM *TUJUE YOU DON'T ONLY MEAN TO GIVE ME A COOKIE,
AND CHAT WITH ME DO YOU?
IT MEANS YOU ONLY HAVE A QUICK TONGUE BUT NO BRAIN
IF LI-GONGZI ONLY KNOWS HOW TO HOLD A SWEET TALK
AND FLIRT WITH GOOD GIRLS,
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE THAT
I'M FROM TUJUE AND LOOKING FOR YOU ?
WAS NOT MADE HERE. THE TASTE WAS DIFFERENT.
BECAUSE THE COOKIE YOU GAVE TO ME

*KOHAN THE TITLE OF CHIEFS OF TURKIC TRIBES IN CHINESE
FATHER AND I ONCE MET THE TUJUE'S *KOHAN
HE ENTERTAINED US WITH THIS KIND OF COOKIES...
THIS IS WHY I'M THINKING THAT YOU ARE SENT BY THE TUJUE'S KOHAN
HE DOES HAVE BRAINS!
AND YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN THAT I WON'T ATTACK YOU?
RIGHT!

HE KNEW THAT I'D BEEN FOLLOWING THEM SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING
HE INTENTIONALLY SENT HIS BROTHERS AWAY,
SO I COULD SHOW UP
HE IS A REALLY TOUGH OPPONENT
MISS, I'M OVERLY PRAISED.
I GUESS THAT YOUR OPPONENTS ARE ALWAYS MISERABLY INFERIOR.
I HOPE WE WON'T BE ENEMIES LATER ON.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR THAT MY BROTHERS JUST CALLED ME A BOOK WORM?
I'M SURE THOSE TWO WON'T WIN IN THE END
THERE WE GO !
SHIJI KOHAN ASKED ME TO SEND THIS ONE ...
TO YOUR LI FAMILY.
YOU'LL KNOW WHAT'S ABOUT AFTER THE READING

I HAVE TO CALL YOU THE "COOKIE THROWING GIRL"
MISS.
MAY I KNOW YOUR NAME ?
OTHERWISE WHEN WE MEET NEXT TIME
CALL ME "DOSHI YIN"

"GESHU YUN"
MY MESSENGER EAGLE
COME!

A SWORDSMAN FROM THE WEST
HA HA HA HA
I'M OK PLEASE RELAX
DID THAT WOMAN DO ANYTHING FANCY TO YOU?
SECOND YOUNG MASTER, ARE YOU OKAY?
PA PA
.....

THE GAME OF
*DEER HUNTING
IN THE CENTRAL
PLAIN IS GETTING
MORE INTERESTING
*DEER HUNTING IN THE CENTRAL PLAIN
A TYPICAL CHINESE EXPRESSION FOR A POWER
STRUGGLING. THE CENTRAL PLAIN REFERS TO
THE CENTRAL CHINA AROUND THE YELLOW RIVER

IN THE END, YOU DIDN'T EVEN FIND A MOUSE?
YOU TWO BROTHERS SPENT A WHOLE NIGHT TO FIND A LITTLE GIRL.
YOU TWO ONLY KNEW HOW TO BRAG!
YOU HAVE NO SKILLS AT ALL!
OTHERWISE, THE GIRL WOULDN'T RUN AWAY!
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT QIN SHUBAO. THE BRAT SUDDENLY POPPED UP AND BLOCKED US.
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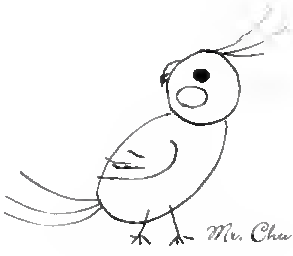
I AM KNOWN AS A FAIR PERSON.
YOU DID NOT SUCCESSFULLY FINISH YOUR TASK
HOW SHOULD I PUNISH YOU?
MASTER, PLEASE GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE!
OKAY!
SINCE YOU LOST AN ARM FOR THE TASK ANYWAY,
I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO PATCH UP YOUR HOLE



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CHAPTER THREE
A MAN FROM THE WEST
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THERE IS AN INVITED GUEST AT THE END OF THE CORRIDOR
IF YOU CAN KILL HIM FOR ME...
I'LL SPARE YOU...
I MAY ADD IN A BOX OF GOLD AS A REWARD
THANK YOU VERY MUCH PRIME MINISTER!

THE FINAL RESULT HAS TO BE DECIDED.
IT IS NOT A TIME TO SAY "THANKS" YET.

HE IS ONLY A YOUNG MAN FROM THE WEST.
YOUR EXCELLENCY.
I DON'T THINK HE CAN SWALLOW THE IMPACT FROM MY BIG AXE

SHU
!

YOUR EXCELLENCY,
I'VE TERMINATED THE PERSON AS YOU WISHED.
EXCELLENT! YOU PASSED!
THANKS FOR YOUR PRAISE, YOUR EXCELLENCY.
I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.
DON'T LIE TO ME!
BE CAREFUL FOR YOU OWN SAKE.
JUST SECOND
I HAVEN'T HIRED YOU YET.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS WANG SHICHONG. I AM FROM PERSIA.
*PERSIA REFERS TO TODAY'S IRAN.
I HEARD THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WAS SEARCHING FOR PROFESSIONALS AND YOU'RE KNOWN FOR TREATING PEOPLE WELL
I CAME ON MY OWN WILLINGNESS.
TELL ME,
WHY DID YOU COME TO LUOYANG?
*LUOYANG IS A CITY IN HENAN PROVINCE OF CHINA. LUOYANG WAS THE CAPITAL CITY OF NINE DYNASTIES.

I WANT MONEY
AND I WANT POWER
DO YOU WANT MONEY? OR DO YOU WANT POWER?
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS FOR REAL - MONEY AND POWER.
OTHER THINGS ARE MEANINGLESS.
HA, HA, HA ...
YOU ARE QUITE HONEST

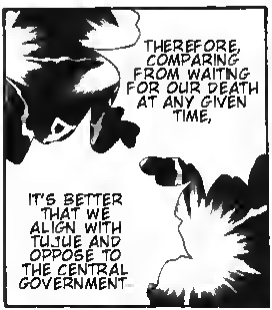
I WILL NOT MAKE YOU REGRET.
AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW ME,
RELAX

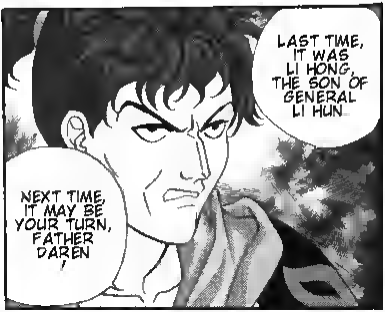
IN MY EYES, YOU ARE ONLY A SPRINGBOARD TO THE PINNACLE OF THE ULTIMATE POWERS.
THERE IS A TEAHOUSE
LET'S TAKE A BREAK!
"WAGANG" CAMP IS STILL FAR AWAY.

KOHAN SHIBI WANTS TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH ME
HOW SHOULD I REPLY HIS REQUEST?

*"RADICAL" IS A TECHNICAL TERM THAT REFERS TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PART OF A CHINESE CHARACTER OR A KANJI CHARACTER

FATHER-DAREN, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY
THERE ARE RUMORS IN THE COURT THAT
THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF ANY LORD MIGHT BE TERMINATED IF HIS SURNAME CONTAINS THE WATER RADICAL


THEREFORE, COMPARING FROM WAITING FOR OUR DEATH AT ANY GIVEN TIME,
IT'S BETTER THAT WE ALIGN WITH TUJUE AND OPPOSE TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT



THINK ABOUT HOW YAN GUANG'S FATHER YAN JIAN
WE SHOULD PRO-ACTIVELY ATTACK!
BECAME THE EMPEROR? HE ACTED JUST LIKE THIS.
SHUT UP, YUANJI !!!

IF OTHERS HEAR WHAT YOU SAID,
IT'S FORBIDDEN FOR SUCH RECKLESS-NESS !
SOME LORDS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS MAY HAVE US, THE LI FAMILY, IN DEEP TROUBLE !!

*"YAN JIAN" AND "JIN GUANG" WERE TWO EMPERORS OF "SUI" DYNASTY. "SUI" WAS A SHORT-LIVED DYNASTY, WHICH WAS REPLACED BY "TANG" DYNASTY OF LI HOUSE.

I HAVE NO OPINION.
SHIMIN, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?
WHAT THE SENDER ASKED, WHAT THE SENDER WANTED
THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED THROUGH YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NO OPINION"?
YOU ARE THE PERSON WHO REALLY KNOWS, AREN'T YOU?

INSTEAD OF BIG BROTHER AND ME?
BESIDES,
WHY DID THE SENDER PASS THE LETTER THROUGH YOU
THERE MUST BE SOME HIDDEN MEANINGS!
SHIMIN,
I AM VERY UNPLEASED THAT YOU OFTEN HIDE YOUR THOUGHTS
YOU ARE BROTHERS,
BE QUIET, YOU, ALL!
DON'T POINT FINGERS TO EACH OTHER!

I WANT TO HEAR OPINIONS FROM EACH OF YOU.
DON'T BE HESITATED.
BRING THEM OUT IN HONESTY.
IF I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING
THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS

THAT WE DON'T HAVE CONDITIOINS TO BE THE ENEMY OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT.
WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IN KOHAN SHIBI'S MIND IS.
IN ORDER TO SHOW OUR LOYALTY.
WE SHOULD SUBMIT THE LETTER TO THE EMPEROR

BUT, IT IS AN UPPER-HAND MOVE
THIS IS A DANGE-ROUS MOVE
HOWEVER, IN CASE IF ...
THE EMPEROR STILL WON'T TRUST US
INSTEAD, HE'LL KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON US,
WHAT SHOULD BE THE NEXT MOVE ?
THEN, FATHER-DAREN, PLEASE RESIGN FROM THE COURT AND RETURN TO OUR HOMETOWN.

I BELIEVE THAT NOT ONLY THE EMPEROR
BUT ALSO MANY LORDS WILL BE VERY HAPPY

SECOND BROTHER, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MINDS?
YOU WANT FATHER TO RESIGN AND GO BACK TO TAIYUAN?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN THE END OF GREAT FORTUNES OF OUR ENTIRE FAMILY!?

PLEASE GO BACK FOR NOW
SHIMIN SHOWS UNPREDICTABLE INTELLIGENCE IN HIS SPEECHES.
STEPPING BACK IS FOR STEPPING FORWARD?
I NEED SOME TIMES TO THINK OVER THE WHOLE ISSUE
FOR MY FINAL DECISION.
WHY SHOULD HE BE BOTHERED BY YOUR NAIVE IDEAS!?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT FATHER IS THINKING.

IT IS OUT OF BLUE AS YOU ARE
SUCH A NERD FROM HEAD TO TOE! HM!
THERE MUSTVE BEEN A DARK CONSPIRACY BETWEEN YOU AND THAT TUJUE WOMAN
LET'S GO, THIRD BROTHER! DON'T WASTE TIME ON HIM!
WE'LL FIND IT OUT SOMEDAY !!
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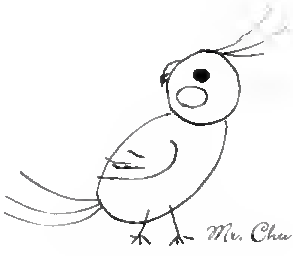
I AM VERY EMBARRASSED FOR THE UGLY QUARREL WITHIN LI BROTHERS, WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN.
MISS, ONCE AGAIN, YOU CAME WITHOUT AN INVITATION.
THAT? DON'T BE EMBARRASSED... LI-GONGZI.
I CAME WITHOUT AN INVITATION IN ORDER TO FIND OUT THE DECISION OF YOUR FATHER
HOW SHOULD I DEAL WITH SUCH A BEHAVIOR?
SHOULD I TREAT YOU AS AN INTRUDER?
OR SHOULD I TREAT YOU AS A FOREIGN ENVOY?



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CHAPTER FOUR
A NIGHT ATTACK

IS IT THE WAY HOW YOU COLLECT INFORMATION ?
SEE, YOU KNOW HOW I WORK.

ANYWAY,
THAT'S RIGHT.
THESE PIGEONS ARE MY MESSENGERS FOR INFORMATION COLLECTED BY MY MEN EVERYWHERE
IF ONE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD?
ONE CAN'T ONLY RELY ON ONE'S OWN IMAGINATIONS.

UNLESS MISS GISHU AGREES TO KEEP A FEW MY PIGEONS
NOT QUITE..
DO YOU KNOW MY EVERY MOVE AS WELL?
TO INFORM ME ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.
ACTUALLY, I WISH THERE WERE A PIGEON AROUND YOU
UPON YOUR TALENTS,
SECOND YOUNG MASTER !!
ARE THERE ANYTHING ABOUT ME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW?

LOOKS LIKE THAT FAT IDIOT IS COMING TO BUG YOU AGAIN.
SECOND YOUNG MASTER, WHERE ARE YOU !?
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ...
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MY FATHER TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH KOH-IN SHI!!!
TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING,
MISS, PLEASE LEAVE!
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME YOUR FATHER'S DECISION, WHAT'S IT?
YOU, LI-GONGZI MUST'VE INFORMED HIM

97 "-GONGZI" IS A CHINESE HONORIFIC TO YOUNG MALE

IT LOOKS LIKE A WAR BETWEEN YOU AND ME IS UNAVOIDABLE !!
SECOND YOUNG MASTER! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
I FINALLY FOUND YOU !!

WHAT'S ABOUT?
LAST NIGHT,
I WAS READING A PIECE OF NEW INFORMATION
PRIME MINISTER YUWEN SENT OUT ASSASSINS
THEY KILLED RENOWNED PRIESTESS MADAM MIAO
AND
A "WAGUANG" HERO SAVED MADAM MIAO'S APPRENTICE.

HM
THIS IS NOTHING TO DO WITH US.
WELL,
SANBO,
THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT
WHEN ALL PIECES ARE PUT TOGETHER,
WE THEN UNDER-STAND
THERE MAY BE CLUES EVERYWHERE THAT WE'VE NOT NOTICED.

KOHAN, THAT'S A TASK THAT YOU ASSIGNED TO ME.
YOU WENT TO SEE LI SHIMIN AGAIN?

DID YOU FINISH YOUR TASK ?
NO, NO HOPE
MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT LI SHIMIN WON'T GO ALONG WITH HIS THIS TIME
HIS MIND IS VERY SOPHISTICATED
I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT
DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL FEELING TOWARD HIM?
NO, I DON'T
DON'T BLINDLY GUESS ..

WHEN A WOMAN LOVES A MAN,
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH THE MAN
TO ME IT'S VERY CLEAR WHAT IN LI SHIMIN'S MIND.
I, THE KOHAN, CAN SEE IT!

BECAUSE THE SAME BLOOD AS MINE RUNS IN HIS VEINS.
THE BLOOD OF AMBITIONS.

HA, HA, HA
LOOK AT YOU WHAT IS IN YOUR MIND IS WHAT SHOWS ON YOUR FACE
THAT'S WHY I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOUR OPENNESS.
GESHU YUN,
SOMEDAY, YOU'LL BE MY WOMAN

IS THAT TRUE? I LOVE LI SHIMIN?
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. I WAS ONLY A MESSENGER OF THE KOHAN.
HOW CAN I LOVE THAT MAN?
THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO ME IS THE KOHAN.

MY GREAT HAPPINESS IS TO BECOME THE KOHAN'S WIFE!
WANG SHICHONG I HAVE A TASK FOR YOU.
PLEASE COMMAND ME, YOUR EXCELLENCY
I ASK YOU TO KILL LI YUAN, THE DUKE OF TANG, PLEASE.
BRNG HIS HEAD TO SEE ME WHEN YOU ARE BACK.

LI YUAN, THE DUKE OF TANG ?
THIS OLD MAN, LI YUAN,
YESTERDAY, SUDDENLY HANDED IN A LETTER OF THE TUJUE KOHAN REGARDING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THEM.
HE RESIGNED HIS POST THEN BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS
HE ASSUMED THAT THIS WAY COULD PROTECT HIS FAMILY.
IF THE TUJUE KOHAN WANTED TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH HIM,
HIS SIDE MUST HAVE OBVIOUS STRENGTH.

NOWADAYS, THE LI FAMILY IS PREPARING FOR THE DEPARTURE.
PRETENDING YOU ARE A BANDIT.
YOU CAN GET THEM WHEN THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY ...
BUT, HE CAN NEVER BLOCK MY VISIONS.
HE COULD CHEAT ON HIS MAJESTY,
DO YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANTS?
THIS TASK IS A LITTLE BIT TOUGH.
NO MYSELF IS ENOUGH

VERY WELL IT SEEMS YOU ARE VERY CONFIDENT
DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME!
I NEVER MISS ANY STRIKES.
THIS ONE WON'T BE AN EXCEPTION
THAT IS RIGHT. FOR THIS KIND OF THINGS ...
THE FEWER PEOPLE KNOW, THE BETTE IT IS.

I THINK THIS PERSIAN MAN HAS QUITE STRENGTH.
IF ANY PEOPLE CAN BE BOUGHT BY MONEY.
I HAVE NO PROBLEMS TO MANIPULATE THEIR MINDS.
SOMEDAY, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIM.
I AM AFRAID HE MAY BE VICIOUS TO YOU.
THE REASON I HIRED HIM WAS THAT

HE TOLD ME THAT HE WANTED MONEY AND POWER,
OTHERWISE I WOULD BE SCARED.
IF A SWORDSMAN ONLY DESIRES MONEY AND POWER, HE CAN SELL HIS SOUL.
THIS KIND DOESN'T BOTHER ME

SA !
THERE IS A TROUBLEMAKER !
SECOND YOUNG MASTER !

EVERYONE, GET THE BANDIT !!
PROTECT THE DUKE !!

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DIE!!
THE DUKE
OF TANG
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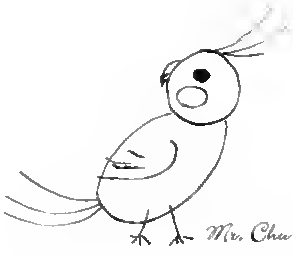
!

BROTHER SHUBAO,
WERE THE SOUNDS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF MOUNTAINS
LIKE THE BLASTS OF FIRESTONE POWDERS?
FROM THE SOUNDS OF EXPLOSION,
THERE WERE ENOUGH POWDERS TO KILL PEOPLE!
HUH, FIRESTONE POWERS?
MY MASTER USED TO DEPLOY FIRESTONE POWDERS FOR HER WORKS

WHAT IS GOING ON !?
PA !
A TRAP !
PERHAPS, HE PREDICTED ...
MY AMBUSH AT NIGHT.
HOW COULD HE?



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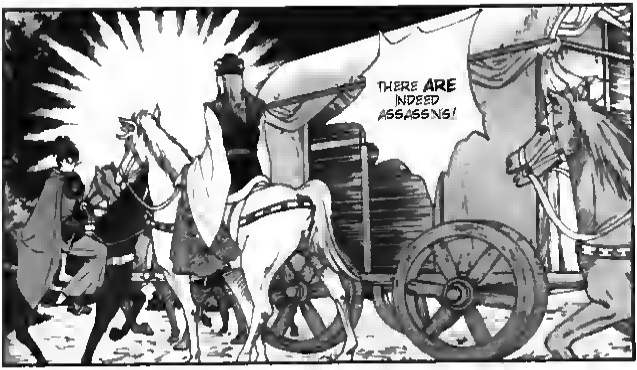
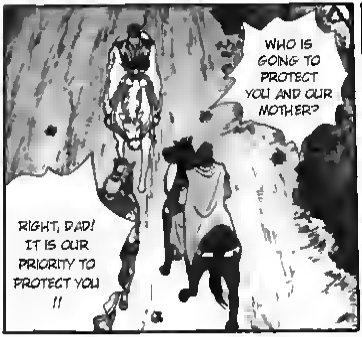
Chapter 5
A Difficult Answer


THERE ARE INDEED ASSASSINS!

QUICKLY, LEAD A FEW OUR FAMILY MILITIAMEN TO SUPPORT SHIMIN!
JIANCHENG AND YUANJI!


WHO IS GOING TO PROTECT YOU AND OUR MOTHER?
RIGHT, DAD! IT IS OUR PRIORITY TO PROTECT YOU !!

NO !
IT MAYBE OUR ENEMY'S PLAN TO LURE US AWAY.

BUT, IF SHIMIN AND SANBAO
CAN'T COPE WITH THOSE ASSASSINS ...
ALL RIGHT! SINCE FATHER INSISTS ...
YUANJI AND I WILL LEAD SOME OUR MEN TO HELP SHIMIN!
THIRD BROTHER, LET'S GO.
OK !
PLEASE DO THIS FOR ME!
YES !
YOU MUST ACT FAST TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION.

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SOMEBODY DARES AMBUSH OUR LI FAMILY?
IT'S REALLY ANNOYING!
WHO SAID WE WOULD SUPPORT HIM?
BIG BROTHER IF WE DON'T RIDE FASTER
WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT SHIMIN IN TIME RIGHT?
IF THEY FALL INTO MY HANDS,
I WILL SEVERELY PUNISH THEM!
THIRD BROTHER, THERE'S NO RUSH

I ONLY WANT TO GO AROUND
TO MAKE FATHER FEEL BETTER,
AND TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION
IF THE ASSASSINS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL SHIMIN,
WE'LL WATCH THEM TO DO IT.
IF THE ASSASSINS ARE TOO WEAK
TO KILL SHIMIN,
WE WILL ADD ONE MORE ARROW ---
TO SEND OUR DEAR SECOND BROTHER TO THE HELL!

BIG BROTHER, YOU MEAN ...

SHIT!
HE HID FIRE POWDERS IN THE CARRIAGE
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT!
THIS GUY IS REALLY TRICKY AND TOUGH.
I ALMOST FELL INTO HIS HANDS
ARE YOU LI SHIMIN ?
MAKES MY BLOOD BOILING IN MY ENTIRE BODY!
THIS KIND OF PREYS

YOU ARE THE ONE RECENTLY HIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER YUWEN.
IF I'M RIGHT,
YOU ARE THE TOP WESTERN SWORDSMAN, WANG SHICHONG.
YES, I AM.
YOU CAN DIE WITHOUT REGRETS
SINCE YOU KNOW MY NAME,
HA, GOOD!
PEOPLE WHO FEARS DEATH ARE VERY TALKATIVE
HOW DO YOU FEEL AS A LAP DOG?

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BLOCK MY SWORD BY EMPTY HANDS?
YOU DON'T HAVE WEAPONS
IF I FEARED DEATH,
I WOULDN'T STAND HERE AND CHAT WITH YOU.
OR, PERHAPS, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT?
QUICKLY, PROTECT THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER!

STEP BACK, YOU ALL!
YOU'LL ALL DIE ANYWAY,
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO'S COMING FIRST

DO YOU KNOW AN OLD SAYING THAT "WHEN THE SMART RABBIT FINALLY DIES, IT'S THE TIME TO COOK THE HUNTING DOG"?
.....
IF YOU WEPT OUT OUR ENTIRE LI FAMILY TODAY,
YOU WOULD BE TERMINATED IN NEXT TURN.

IF THE PRIME MINISTER IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE LI FAMILY WOULD BE HIS ARCHENEMY OF HIS AMBITIONS,
LEAVING THE LI FAMILY UNTOUCHED WILL BE A BETTER CHOICE FOR YOU.
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
THAT'S BECAUSE THAT YOU WOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNEW HIS DARK SECRET
IN MY OPINION, COMPARING FROM YUWEN HUAJI,
YOU MAY BE A MORE DANGEROUS ENEMY TO ME
I'D BETTER KILL YOU RIGHT NOW

SECOND YOUNG MASTER !
!
THE SWORD IS ON HIS NECK.
WHY HASN'T SHIMIN REACTED YET?
WHAT ON THE EARTH IS [redacted] THINKING?

HI, HE REALLY IS A BOOKWORM.
PERHAPS, HE BECAME NUMB WHEN SEEING THE SWORD!
IS THAT TRUE?
I SAW THE SAME EXPRESSION BEFORE ... SOMEWHERE?
I DON'T THINK THE MATTER IS THAT SIMPLE! LOOK AT HIS EXPRESSION.
HE IS SO CONFIDENT, EVEN "FEARLESS" ...

WHEN I WAS TEN YEARS OLD, IN THAT WINTER, MANY REFUGEES CAME IN THE CAPITAL CITY
YES! IT WAS THAT TIME
OUR PARENTS ASKED ME AND SHIMIN TO DELIVER FOOD AND WINTER CLOTHING TO SOME REFUGEES
A WEIRD OLD MAN LIVES IN THAT RUINED TEMPLE
PEOPLE NEARBY SAY THAT HE DOESN'T ACCEPT ANYTHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT
THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON THAT MADE ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THE TEMPLE
THE WEIRD OLD MAN HAD A FIERCE WILD DOG
THE DOG DID NOT ALLOW ANYBODY CLOSE TO ITS MASTER
I THINK WE SHOULD IGNORE HIM!
HE DOESN'T LIKE US ANYWAY.
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WOOF !
WOOF !
SHMIN NSIST STEPPING N THE RUINED TEMPLE.
IN ORDER TO CARRY ON THE TASK,
IT'S GOING TO BITE YOU!
WOOF !
SHMIN, LET'S RUN! THAT CRAZY DOG IS REALLY CRAZY AND GONG TO BITE!
WOOF !
WOOF !

THIS IS CALLED "TO WIN HEARTS BY YIELDING, NOT FIGHTING"
LITTLE BROTHER, HAVE YOU STUDIED "THE ART OF WAR" BY SUN TZU?
IS THIS WHAT IN SHIMIN'S MIND?
"TO WIN HEARTS BY YIELDING, NOT FIGHTING"
IF THERE'S ANYBODY ELSE, BESIDES ME, WHO CAN TAME THIS DOG,
YOU ARE THE FIRST.

WHY IS LI SHIMIN SO CALM AND CONFIDENT?
DO YOU WANT TO WIN ME AS YOUR RIGHT HAND MAN?
PERHAPS ...
YOUR REACTIONS ARE QUICK AND FIGHTING SKILLS ARE SUPERB
WANG SHICHONG, YOU ARE QUITE CLEVER
YOUR LILTIMATE GOAL IS TO RULE THE COUNTRY, ISN'T IT?
HA, HA, HA YOU CAN TALK THE TALKS
FOR SUCH A TALENT,
WHY CAN'T OUR LI FAMILY PAY RESPECTS?

I AM NOT IN LINE FOR THAT.
I ONLY WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FATHER.
YOU ...

YOU KNEW I WOULD KILL YOUR FATHER ..
HOW INSULTING !!
!
SHU !
YOU ARE MOCKING ME FROM VERY BEGINNING!

WHO ARE YOU ?
I AM THE SPEAR FIGHTER OF THE "WAGANG" CAMP
QIN SHU BAO !!
I JUST WALKED BY,
QIN SHUBAO !?
AND WANT TO HELP THE WEAKLINGS!

THE YOUNG LADY ON THE HORSEBACK MUST BE ...
BROTHER SHUBAO, WATCH OUT!
THE PRIESTESS MADAM MIAO'S APPRENTICE – ZHANGSUN WURONG!

HI YA !
MY SWORD BECAME WEAKER UNDER HIS ATTACKS!
THIS GUY IS FAST WITH HIS SPEAR!

THIS POP-UP SPEAR GUY,
MIGHT BE A SECRET WEAPON THAT SHIMIN HAD HIDDEN EARLIER?
IF IT'S TRUE,
NOW, WE KNOW HE IS NOT A FOOL.
WE USED TO TEASE HIM AS A BOOKWORM.
IT ONLY PROVES THAT SHIMIN IS SO MASTERMINDED,
THAT HE IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSIONS.
IF THE STATE CONTINUES,
I MAY NOT BE THE HEIR IN THE FUTURE?

QIN SHUBAO, YOU AMAZED ME
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYBODY WHO CAN SPIN A SPEAR SO FAST.
BUT, A SPEAR IS STILL A HEAVY WEAPON
ESPECIALLY, FOR SHORT DISTANCE DEFENSE,
THERE MUST BE SOME CRACKS THAT A SWORD CAN GET IN!
THANKS FOR THE PRAISE
EVEN ONLY FOR THESE WORDS, I'LL HAVE YOU DIE WITHOUT REGRETS.
HA, HA, HA YOU ARE QUITE ARROGANT!
LET ME TEACH YOU HOW TO WRITE "REGRET"!

WHOA!
HIS SWORD
TURNED TO
MULTIPLE
RAYS OF LIGHTS!

WATCH OUT!
MISS, DON'T WORRY!
MASTER QIN WILL BE FINE.
GONGZI, HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?
"GONGZI" IS A CHINESE HONORIFIC FOR YOUNG SINGLE MALE.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE EXPLOSION A WHILE AGO?
THOSE FIRESTONE POWDERS WERE ENOUGH TO INJURE PEOPLE.
I AM LI SHIMIN.
I AM HONORED TO MEET YOU, MISS ZHANGSUN, THE APPRENTICE OF MADAM MIAO.

THIS IS A SECRET.
#ONGZI, HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SECOND YOUNG MASTER, LOOK!
THAT WANG SHICHONG GUY DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT!
HOO HOO
!

IN ADDITION TO MY INJURIES FROM THE EXPLOSION,
I KEPT RAPIDLY SWINGING MY SWORD,
NO!! I AM REACHING MY LIMIT!
MY MUSCLES AND NERVES ARE CLOSE TO A CRASH!
?
YOU HAVE LOST YOUR TEMPOS DUE TO YOUR INJURIES FROM THE EXPLOSION.

I WON'T FEEL PROUD IF I WIN IN SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE
PLEASE LEAVE, I WON'T KILL YOU
I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY!
BESIDES, IF WE DON'T FIGHT TO AN END, NOBODY KNOWS WHO IS GOING TO BE THE WINNER, RIGHT?
WAIT !!

**"A" IS AN INTIMATE CHINESE PREFIX OF FIRST NAME. WHICH IS USED WITHIN SIBLINGS OR CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE SAME GENERATION OR TO THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS
A-YUN !?
STOP FIGHTING !!
BOTH OF YOU, PLEASE STOP !!

SHICHONG... YOUR INJURIES CAN'T BE IGNORED PLEASE GO BACK TO GET SOME TREATMENTS
HM !
NOW, YOU START WORRYING ABOUT MY LIFE.
WHEN WE WERE IN PERSIA,
YOU CHOSE TO DUMP ME

FOR THOSE OLD STORIES,
I DON'T LIKE TO MENTION THEM IN FRONT OF LI-GONGZI
FROM HER WORDS, IT SEEMS THAT THIS WESTERN BEAUTY AND LI-GONGZI KNEW EACH OTHER QUITE WELL.
SHE IS TRYING HARD TO AVOID BRINGING UP THE OLD STORIES BETWEEN WING SHICHONG AND HER.
PERHAPS, SHE IS TRYING TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING FROM LI-GONGZI?
GESHU YU,
IT'S MY BUSINESS, NOT YOURS.
YOU REALLY CARE OF HIM MORE THAN ME.

A-YUN, YOU'RE CHEATING ON YOURSELF
HEH!
YOU ARE NOT ONLY FLIRTING WITH THE KOHAN SHIRI, BUT ALSO WITH LI SHIMIN.
ALL FOLKS IN PERSIAN COMMUNITY WILL GOSSIP ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIORS
PA!
YOU EMBARRASS US PERSIANS!

THIS WAS THE REASON THAT I GAVE UP ON YOU!
I CAN'T LOVE A CLOSE-MIND MAN WITH AN EYE SIGHT AS TINY AS A PEA!
I CAN LOVE ANY MEN, BUT

LI SHIMIN,
A-YUN CAN TEMPORARILY PROTECT YOUR MUTT LIFE.
THIS IS NOT THE END OF OUR ENCOUNTERS.

WHEN WE MEET NEXT TIME BY ANY CHANCE,
IT WILL BE THE TIME TO DECIDE A WINNER!
IT IS SORROWFUL THAT OUR LI FAMILY CAN NOT OWN SUCH A TALENT
DA-DA-

IT'S BETTER TO LOOK AFTER THE INJURED MEN AND CALM DOWN THE WOMEN
HI, SANBAO,
WHAT'S GOOD ON CURSING HIM WHEN HE'S LONG GONE?
OKAY, SIR
THAT GUY IS TOO DAMNED POMPOUS!
I'LL SKIN YOU FOR THREE TIMES WHEN I SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
I HAVEN'T FORMALLY INTRODUCED YOU TO MASTER QIN AND MISS ZHANGSUN
HOLD DOWN, MISS GESHU!
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME. I AM LEAVING, LI-GONGZI.
THIS MISS GESHU IS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD!
SORRY, I'M NOT HERE FOR MAKING FRIENDS
BESIDES, I'VE SEEN THE MASTER QIN'S SKILLS

I WISH THAT I COULD BE, AT LEAST, AS HALF COURAGEOUS AS SHE IS.
YOU'RE ZHANGSUN, RIGHT?
YE YES, RIGHT
HE LIKES TO STEAL YOUNG LADIES' HEARTS.
HA, HA, HA, HA, ...
YOU, BAD GIRL, IT'S TYPICAL YOU ON TEASING OTHERS.
BE CAREFUL WITH THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER LI.
HE'S THE INFAMOUS GIRL KILLER IN THE CAPITAL CITY.

LET'S GO, RONG.
WE SHOULD HEAD TO THE "WAGANG" CAMP AT ONCE.
GEE! I DISLIKE THIS KIND OF FLOPPY WOMEN!
WELL, YOU MUST COME TO OUR HUMBLE HOME FIRST.
DAD AND I MUST MAKE A TOAST TO YOU BOTH FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
I HATE RICH AND POWERFUL FAMILIES LIKE YOURS!
HUH ?
BESIDES
IT'S UNNECESSARY, LI-GONGZI. OUR MEETING IS LIKE FLOATING LEAVES, SHORT AND TEMPORARY.

LI
GONGZI
...

I THINK THAT SHE WANTED TO TELL ME SOMETHING.
ZHANG SUN WU RONG
SU
HONG GU, YOU FINALLY SHOWED UP
ZA
!

I COULD'VE FINISHED THAT WANG SHICHONG IN ONE SHOT FROM TREETOPS.
IF MASTER YOU HADN'T ORDERED ME,
MY ARROW WAS POINTING AT THAT VILLAIN FOR ALL THOSE TIMES.
SORRY, I DIDN'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE.
WANG SHICHONG IS A TREASURE.
IT WOULD BE VERY REGRETTABLE TO KILL HIM
ANYWAY... REMEMBER WE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE
THAT I WANTED TO ESTABLISH A PEACEFUL SOCIETY?
AN IDEAL NEW COUNTRY?

THEN, YOU MUST DESTROY THIS CURRENT, CORRUPTED SOCIETY.
A NEW SOCIETY WILL RISE FROM THE RUINS.
I UNDER-STAND
THE PROBLEM IS THE GAP BETWEEN WEALTH AND POVERTIES.
IF THERE IS A FAIR AND OPEN SOCIETY.
EVERYBODY WILL BE HAPPY WITH ONE'S LIFE.
THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY ENVIES OR UNSATIS-FACTIONS.
THIS IS THE IDEAL COUNTRY IN MY DREAMS.

TO CREATE YOUR IDEAL COUNTRY,
DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY HEADS THAT YOU MUST CUT OFF?
AND HOW MANY BLOODY ROADS THAT YOU MUST WALK CROSS?
YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED!
MANY PEOPLE DESPERATELY WANT TO BE THE RULER OF THIS COUNTRY.
AND I WANT TO BE THE RULER OF THIS WORLD!
THEY ALL WILL TRY WHATEVER THEY CAN DO
TO BLOCK YOU !
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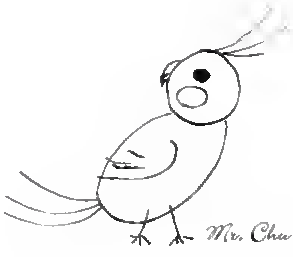

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